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October 26, 1982

Mr. David Hird
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: United States, et al v.
Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation,
et al

Dear David:

In accordance with our telephone conference this date, this letter is intended to clarify the purposes for which Bill Gregg of Environmental Research & Technology, Inc., (ERT) seeks to speak with and possibly meet with Marc Hult of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and to obtain your consent to such communication.

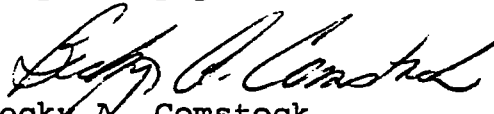
Bill Gregg has explained to me that he would like to arrange a conference call between Pete Shanahan and Don Jones of ERT, and Marc Hult. According to Bill Gregg, a 1981 report indicates that the USGS has done groundwater testing and modeling in St. Louis Park. These representatives of ERT would like to discuss in a conference call with Marc Hult what testing has been done, such as pumping tests, technical details related to such testing and whether data from such testing is available. ERT would also like to ascertain if any additional work has been done, such as tracer tests. Further, the telephone conference would be for the purpose of ascertaining the technical details of and status of modeling that has been done by the USGS. Depending on Mr. Hult's response and particularly the availability of data related to such testing, an additional meeting with Mr. Hult in Minnesota may be desirable.

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In accordance with the agreement of the parties to promote free communication among the experts, we therefore request your consent to such a conference call and subsequent meeting, if desirable, among these persons. Any assistance you can provide in expediting your response to this request will be most appreciated as we would like to set up this conference call the week of November 1, 1982, at the latest.

Very truly yours,



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